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SUBJECT: FRG ARMS TO TURKEY

1. THE FRG GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN (BOELLING) WAS ASKED AT HIS FEBRUARY 3 PRESS CONFERENCE WHETHER THE FRG WAS CONSIDERING TEMPORARILY TAKING OVER ARMS DELIVERIES TO TURKEY IN LIGHT OF "DISPUTES IN WASHINGTON" ON THE SUBJECT. THE CORRESPONDENT WHO POSED THE QUESTION REFERRED TO REPORTS THAT THERE WERE CIRCLES IN WASHINGTON WHO FAVORED SUCH FRG ACTION. BOELLING REPLIED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD CONSIDERED THE QUESTION, BUT THERE WAS NO FINAL VIEW AS YET. IN REPLY TO A FURTHER QUESTION WHETHER THE US HAD RAISED THE SUBJECT WITH THE FRG, BOELLING SAID HE WAS UNAWARE OF ANY SUCH APPROACH, ALTHOUGH IT WAS NORMAL FOR ALLIES TO DISCUSS SUCH QUESTIONS. BOELLING CONCLUDED HIS REMARKS BY SAYING THAT IT IS A SOVEREIGN DECISION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
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WHEN A DECISION SHOULD BE REACHED.

2. COMMENT: IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUERY, A FOREIGN OFFICE
SOURCE TELLS US THE FEDERAL SECURITY COUNCIL HAS SHELVED
A DECISION ON ARMS SUPPLY TO TURKEY, AND IT IS
UNLIKELY THERE WILL BE ANY RESOLUTION OF THE QUESTION
"FOR SOME TIME."
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